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## Shelve It!

### Garage tour to offer 'man-cave' insights

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*Gary Fulcher in his "man-cave" in Lafayette – his retreat will be on the first Garage Tour sponsored by the Lafayette Community Foundation.*

*Photo Chris Lavin*

There was a time when the idea of a "man's garage" meant having perks like a black-and-white TV with rabbit ears and a Styrofoam cooler full of beer set up in time for the Sunday football game. Plastic lawn chairs come to mind.

Well ... we've come a long way. To show just how far our neighbor-

hoods have come in the way of haute garage design and use, the Lafayette Community Foundation has organized a tour of four of the best they could find, including one that would be worth the tour all on its own.

"This is my man-cave, I guess you could call it," said Gary Fulcher, who did not appear to like the term "man-

cave." He lives in Orinda but his three-door garage is in Lafayette.

He does have it all: a kitchen (no Styrofoam cooler here, but a built-in fridge that looks like tool storage, which is next to a *dishwasher*, also disguised as a tool area), a workspace, a loft for sleeping or watching a flat-screen TV, exercising, and most im-

portantly, a fully equipped workshop for him to build his custom wooden boats. "When I was building this (the garage), my kids said, 'Are you leaving Mom?' It has everything anyone would need, so they were wondering."

The garage is that extreme. (And no, he certainly is not leaving his wife.) One could live in it, quite comfortably. It's the perfect "man-cave" if you're into building your own boat. Or cabinets. Or twirling salad bowls on a lathe. Or just having great parties.

The Garage Tour begins at 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10, at Blodgett's Flooring, 3291 Mt. Diablo Court, in Lafayette. Tickets are \$35 online at [www.lafayetteCF.org](http://www.lafayetteCF.org), and at Blodgett's, Lafayette Car Wash, and the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce. Food trucks and music will be everywhere, starting at the beginning of the tour, where tour-goers will receive their maps, wristbands and parking instructions.

"The tour is self-guided, but there will be lots of refreshments and time to talk with the garage owners," said Teresa Gerringer, an organizer with the Lafayette Community Foundation. "Two garages on one cul-de-sac will have classic cars."

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